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FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 10465 SENT ACTION SECSTATE DTD 19 OCT
QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 10465

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SADAT, ANWAR)

SUBJECT: SADAT VISIT: PROGRAM FOR MRS. SADAT

REF: PARA 3 STATE 248504 (SECTO 16041)

1. I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT NOBODY IS PRESSING THE EGYPTIANS
ON THE MATTER OF DRESS FOR THE DINNER. THE SUBJECT HAD ALREADY
BEEN SETTLED WHEN STATE 246950 WAS RECEIVED, SUGGESTING THAT
THE EGYPTIANS HAD NOT THOUGHT THIS THROUGH AND STATING THAT THE
SECRETARY WISHED ME TO RAISE IT AGAIN. AGAINST MY BETTER JUDGMENT,
I DID SO IN LOW KEY FASHION AND GOT THE PREDICTABLE REPLY
REPORTED CAIRO 10378. I AM WORKING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE
SECRETARY WISHED ME TO RAISE IT AGAIN. AGAINST MY BETTER JUDGEMENT,
I DID SO IN LOW KEY FASHION AND GOT THE PREDICTABLE REPLY
REPORTED CAIRO 10378. I AM WORKING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE MATTER
IS NOW CLOSED AND THAT WE CAN GET ON WITH MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS
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PERTAINING TO THE VISIT. I AM GLAD TO HAVE CONFIRMATION

PROVIDED REFTEL.

2. AS A MATTER OF INTEREST, MRS. SADAT RAISED WITH ME THIS AFTERNOON THE MATTER OF MEN'S ATTIRE AT THE STATE DINNERS. SHE HOPED IT WOULD BE DARK BUSINESS SUIT RATHER THAN BLACK TIE, SINCE THE PRESIDENT NEVER WEARS BLACK TIE AND DOES NOT HAVE ANY SUCH ATTIRE. I ASSURED HER IT WAS DARK BUSINESS SUIT. SHE WAS PLEASED AND RELIEVED AND COMPARED OUR UNDERSTANDING WITH THAT OF THE BRITISH WHO ARE TRYING TO GET SADAT TO WEAR MORNING CLOTHES FOR HIS MEETING WITH THE QUEEN. THE PRESIDENT IS RESISTING AND IN ANY CASE DOESN'T HAVE ANY.

3. I TOLD MRS. SADAT SHE COULD BE SURE HIS AMERICAN HOSTS ARE PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S COMFORT AND ENJOYMENT AND NO ONE WOULD EVEN DREAM OF ASKING HIM TO CONSIDER ATTIRE IN WHICH WE ALL KNOW HE FEELS UNCOMFORTABLE. SHE WAS VERY PLEASED.

4. SUGGEST DEPT FORWARD THIS MESSAGE TO BARBIAN.
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